

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application or previous response to office action:

1. (Currently Amended) An information handling system comprising:
a chassis body for storing information handling system components;
the chassis body having at least one D-style connector extending from the chassis body, the D-style connector comprising a trapezoidal connector body; and
a connector guide disposed proximate the at least one D-style connector forming a generally uniform gap between the connector guide and the trapezoidal connector body operable to facilitate the proper orientation and alignment of a mating connector during installation thereof.
2. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 1 wherein the D-style connector comprises a SCSI connector.
3. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 2 wherein the D-style connector comprises a 68 pin connector.
4. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 1 wherein:
the chassis body comprising a back plate having a sheet metal construction, the back plate having an opening formed therein, the opening having a top edge, a bottom edge, a first side edge, and a second side edge;
the connector guide comprising a first alignment flange extending from the first side edge and a second alignment flange extending from the second side edge.
5. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 4 further comprising the first alignment flange and the second alignment flange, each having a length greater than the

width of the D-style connector and each alignment flange extending beyond the face of the connector.

6. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 1 wherein the connector guide comprises a flange member.

7. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 6 further comprising:
a first attachment stud proximate a first end of the D-style connector and a second attachment stud proximate a second end of the D-style connector; and
the flange selectively fastened to the first attachment stud and the second attachment stud.

8. (Previously Presented) The information handling system of Claim 6 wherein:
the flange element further comprises a longitudinal flange member having a first end and a second end;

the first end comprising a first end flange member extending from the longitudinal member and a first end connector tab extending generally perpendicular from the first end flange member in a direction away from the D-style connector; and

the second end comprising a second end flange member extending from the longitudinal member and a second end connector tab extending generally perpendicular from the second end flange member in a direction away from the D-style connector.

9. (Cancel) Please cancel claim 9 without prejudice or disclaimer.

10. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 1 wherein the connector guide further comprises:

a connector guide body having an opening formed therein, the opening formed to allow the D-style connector to extend therethrough; and

the connector guide body further comprising a first end and a second end each having an attachment portion formed thereon.

11. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 10 further comprising:
studs proximate the connector body; and
the attachment portion of the first end and second operable to with the studs, thereby
securing the connector guide proximate the D-style connector.

12. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 10 further comprising
the attachment portions operable to attach to the studs via an interference-fit type attachment.

13. (Original) The information handling system of Claim 10 further comprising
the connector guide body formed from a plastic material.

14. (Currently Amended) A connector guide for preventing information handling
system connector pin damage comprising:

a connector guide body having an opening formed therein, the opening formed to
allow a D-style connector to extend therethrough forming a generally uniform gap between
the connector guide body and a connector body of the D-style connector; and

the connector guide body further comprising a first end and a second end each having
an attachment portion formed thereon, the attachment portions operable to interface with a
first stud and a second stud disposed proximate the D-style connector.

15. (Original) The connector guide of Claim 14 further comprising the attachment
portion of the first end and second end each comprising an upper arm and a lower arm
forming a C-shape attachment portion.

16. (Original) The connector guide of Claim 14 further comprising the connector
guide formed from a plastic material.

17. (Currently Amended) A method for preventing connector pin damage
comprising:

providing a D-style connector associated with an information handling system; and

disposing a connector guide proximate a D-style connector, the connector guide forming a generally uniform gap between the connector guide and a D-style connector body of the D-style connector operable to prevent-preventing an inverted mating connector from interfacing with the D-style connector.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 17 further comprising forming the connector guide for portions of a chassis back plate.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 17 further comprising forming a connector guide having a longitudinal flange member, a first end flange member, and a second end flange member.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 17 further comprising:
forming the connector guide with an aperture therethrough and a first end and a second end each having an attachment portion; and
attaching the connector guide to studs disposed adjacent the D-style connector.